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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## FLOYD COUNTY WOMAN SENTENCED IN WORKERS' COMP CASE Gave false statements concerning her husband's employment

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 25, 2008) – A Floyd County woman pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor insurance fraud charge after lying about her husband's employment history during a workers' compensation hearing.

During the August 2006 hearing, Ronda Hall, 34, of Prestonsburg, falsely testified that her husband, Rocky Hall, had not worked since Jan. 22, 2006. Court documents show that he was employed by a sign company during that time. This testimony would have resulted in her husband receiving an additional \$995 in benefits to which he was not entitled.

Ronda Hall was sentenced to 12 months in jail, probated under supervision, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 (\$500 suspended) to the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI) Fraud Investigation Division for expenses.

In November 2007, Rocky Hall pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor insurance fraud charge in the same case. He received a 12-month probated sentence and was ordered to pay the KOI Fraud Division \$1,000 (\$500 suspended) for investigative expenses.

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